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European Patent Publication No. 1039352 appears to disclose a self-compensating spring for clockwork movement spring balance. An English language translation of the Abstract is being submitted herewith.

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